

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we recognize that all people, including those living with a disability, have the right and responsibility to be active contributing members of our society, fully engaged as citizens, to be educated, to be productive members of our workforce, to raise families, and to have equal opportunity to access all facets of life; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities aspire to embrace their rich historical and cultural heritage and to promote the belief in society that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed to end discrimination and provide equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Disability.gov offers comprehensive disability-related resources and information for more than 50 million Americans with disabilities, their family members, veterans, employers, educators, caregivers and many others:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M, DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2009, to DISABILITY.GOV DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to join in celebrating the pride, the accomplishments, and the potential of people living with disabilities.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2009.